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Whitney Students May Enter New "School Humor" Contest

Did you laugh at something that happened in one of your classes since you returned to school this month? Think about this carefully for a moment. Surely, something humorous happened in at least one of your classes.

If so, share your joy with the rest of the student body by entering the "School Humor" contest now being sponsored by the *Green and Gold*.

These are the rules:

- 1) The entry must concern something humorous that happened in a class in this school.
- 2) The entry must be written so that it will not embarrass any individual or individuals.
- 3) All entries must include the full name and advisory section of the student submitting the entry.
- 4) Each student may submit as many different entries as he wishes.
- 5) All winning entries will be published in future issues of the *Green*.



and *Gold*. No cash prize will be awarded for this contest.

6) All entries are to be sent to Mr. Rubenstein's office, room 331. The deadline for all entries is Monday, February 18, 1963, at 3 p.m.

The contest entries will be judged by the editorial staff of the *Green and Gold*.

Students should word their entries very carefully. Remember, what may have been funny when it happened, may not seem so funny when it is written on paper, unless it is carefully and humorously worded.

New Adviser Picked For School Yearbook

By Ann Veneziano

There's still quite a bit of time remaining between now and the month of June when the school yearbook is normally distributed. Nevertheless, the members of *The Torch's* staff have already begun work on this year's book.

The group is being supervised by a new adviser this year, Mr. Alperin.

When asked about his plans concerning the yearbook, Mr. Alperin replied: "Being that this is my first time as adviser of the yearbook, I shall have a lot to learn both from the pupils and the job itself. However, as all previous yearbook advisers have announced, I shall try to make this the best edition ever published at Eli Whitney."

Last year's edition of *The Torch* recently won a second-place rating from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. Miss Seligman was the adviser of this publication.

The editors of *The Torch* for this year are Madeline Guerra, editor-in-chief; Carmela Cassese, assistant editor; Mary Sputo, copy editor; Sally Falco, art editor; and Frances Di Lalla, business editor.

With the exception of Madeline, all of the editors are Secretarial Practice majors. Madeline is majoring in Health Careers.

These five girls were permitted to attend the annual conferences sponsored by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. The conferences were held in October.

Alan Kantor and Ernest Dowling also attended the conferences. Both of these boys are majoring in Electrical Installation.

The school yearbook will include a photograph of each of the graduating seniors as well as a brief biography of each member of the graduating class.

In addition, photographs of the various clubs and teams will also be included in the yearbook.

"You Can't Take It With You" To Be Presented in Auditorium

By Maryann Gurecki

"You Can't Take It With You," an excellent three-act comedy, will be presented by a group of Whitney drama enthusiasts in the school auditorium sometime in February or March. Mr. Dolan is in charge of this group.

The play, which was written by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, highlights the humorous antics of the unique Sycamore family.

Included among the students who have already been selected for parts in this play are: Richard Brown, Toni Della, William Franklin, Ralph Matthews, Edward Mills, Barbara Pesta, Richard Pritt, Terry Rivera, and Nathaniel Wilson.

Toni Della has been cast as Mrs. Penny Sycamore. Penny has been

writing plays for eight years, but she's never completed any of them.

Witty Dialogue

"You can't count the first two years," Penny explains, "since I was learning to type then." This is just a brief sample of the witty dialogue to be found in this play.

Penny's daughter Alice will be played by Terry Rivera. Richard Brown plays Donald, while Nathaniel Wilson has been cast as an FBI man. Edward Mills will play the part of Paul Sycamore, Penny's husband.

Ralph Matthews will be seen as Mr. De Pinna and Richard Pritt will play the part of Ed Carmichael. William Franklin will be seen as Henderson, and Barbara Pesta will play the role of Mrs. Kirby.

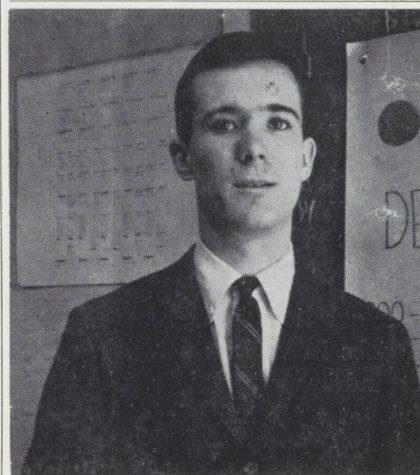
Mr. Dolan announced that students who would like to join the stage crew or the staff should contact him. Students wishing to join must give Mr. Dolan a copy of their program.

Other Cast Members

Among the other members in the cast are Israel Valle, Leon Hodge, Frank D'Agostino, James Verdier, Michael De Carlo, Anna Butts, Betty Kelly, Barbara Parker, and Denise Jones.

Also appearing in the play will be Betty Sanders, Gladys Colozzo, Beverly Reilly, Barbara Patterson and Regina Bryant.

In addition to "You Can't Take It With You," Kaufman and Hart also wrote such hit plays as "The Man Who Came to Dinner," and "Once In A Lifetime."



Mr. Dolan

Plan Boston Trip For Honor Society

Either a two-day or a three-day trip to Boston is now being planned by the Honor Society. The students will visit this city sometime in April. Exact details have not yet been worked out.

Last year, the group traveled to scenic Niagara Falls. In 1961, the Honor Society sponsored a trip to Washington, D. C.

The students and the members of the faculty who attended these trips agreed that the visits were interesting, educational and very enjoyable.

Wedding Announcement

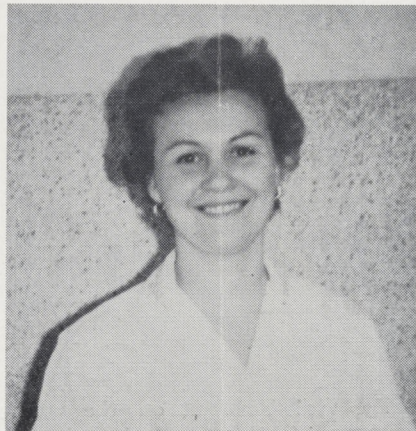
Miss Wiskowski, a teacher of Beauty Culture at this school, and Mr. Rubenstein, the chairman of Whitney's Academic department, were married on November 23.

(Editor's Note—See Editorial on page two.)

Mrs. Rubenstein is now in her second year of teaching at Whitney. As a student, she attended Mabel Dean Bacon Vocational high school.

In addition to his job as chairman, Mr. Rubenstein is also the faculty adviser of the Honor Society and the Pan-American club. He has been at Whitney for four years.

Mr. and Mrs. Rubenstein plan to visit Puerto Rico this summer.



Mrs. Rubenstein

Three Senior Girls Attend Mirror Youth Forum, Nov. 24

By Joan Perry

Deidra Bizzaro, Theresa Dima, and Gloria Panico, three seniors majoring in Secretarial Practice, represented this school at the Mirror Youth Forum, held at the Astor Hotel on November 24.

The main purpose of the forum was to bring together students from different schools in the New York area and students from different countries so that they could exchange ideas on current world problems.

The five topics discussed at the forum were: (1) How can we improve the moral and ethical standards of American youth, (2) What steps can we take to improve American education, (3) How can we best combat America's social problems, (4) How can we best meet the "Cold War" challenge, and (5) How can we best insure international security.

Attendance Award

Advisory section #23, which consists of girls from 7BC5, was the first class to achieve 100% attendance for four consecutive school days this term. Each member of the class received special Eli Whitney pencils as a result of this fine attendance record. Mrs. Rizzo is the class' section adviser.

Mr. Wallerstein, attendance coordinator, announced that the special pencils will be distributed to members of any other class that manages to have perfect attendance for four straight school days.

Senior Prom Set for June 1 At Sheraton Atlantic Hotel

By Judith Slater

The Sheraton Atlantic hotel, located at Broadway and 34th street, has been chosen as the site for this year's Senior Prom. The Prom will be held on June 1.

Plans for Senior Day, another annual senior event, are now being discussed at the Senior Council meetings. Senior Day will be held sometime during the month of May.

Earlier in the term, the seniors elected four girls as their class officers. Kathy Williams and Joyce Brunberg, two Beauty Culture majors, were chosen as president and vice-president, respectively.

Carmela Cassese was selected as secretary of the senior class and Mary Sputo was elected to the office of treasurer. Carmela and Mary are both Secretarial Practice majors.

Annual Book Fair To Start Feb. 4

Whitney's third annual Book Fair will be held in the school library during the week beginning February 4.

Students will be taken to the Book Fair by their English teacher during one of the English class periods. Each student will be permitted to purchase as many books as he or she wishes.

A preview of the Book Fair was offered in the form of an assembly program last November. Samples of the writings of Ernest Hemingway, Ogden Nash, James Thurber, John Steinbeck, and Walt Whitman were read aloud during these assembly programs.

Meet and Greet...



Maryann
Gurecki



Kathy
Williams



Stanley
Zielinski



Frances
Parys

By Nelida Estrada

Maryann Gurecki, President of the Honor Society: In addition to her important duties as student leader of the Honor Society, Maryann is also a member of the Color Guard and the Bookkeeping club. She is also one of the distribution managers of this school newspaper.

Maryann's voice is heard in each of the homeroom classes on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. She makes the announcements over the public address system on these days.

A senior majoring in Secretarial Practice, Maryann is undecided about her plans for the immediate future. At the present time, she is considering the possibility of going to college after graduation.

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Kathy Williams, President of the Senior class: Like most of the other students leaders at Whitney, Kathy is a member of the school's Honor Society.

A Beauty Culture major, Kathy plans to work as a beautician after graduation. She would also like to continue her education and attend a school for hair-styling.

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Stanley Zielinski, Representative to the Brooklyn Borough Council meetings: In addition to representing Whitney at the borough-wide meetings, Stanley is an active participant in many school activities.

He is a Lieutenant on the Early Bird squad, and a member of the Service squad and the Library squad.

2 Seniors Attend U.S.O. Meeting

By Julia Santos

Richard Pritt and Robert Roome, two seniors majoring in Electrical Installation, attended a special meeting sponsored by the U.S.O. on November 14 at the Seventh Regiment Armory.

The main purpose of the meeting was to overcome apathy on the part of young men toward their military obligation. In addition to the two Whitney representatives, many seniors from other high schools attended the meeting.

Paul R. Serevane, the President of the City Council, served as the chairman. Bob Considine, noted newspaper columnist, gave the main address. As part of the day's proceedings, all of the student representatives were treated to a free luncheon.

Your Opinion

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Georgeanna Dombrosky, 3SP1b: "My favorite television program is The Jetsons. This program is a half hour cartoon series which shows how people dress and act and how they travel and live in the future."

An outstanding student too, Stanley is also a member of the Honor Society.

Upon graduation, he plans to attend college and major in Electrical Engineering. Stanley is now a junior majoring in Electrical Installation.

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Frances Parys, News Editor of the "Green and Gold": Like Maryann, Kathy, and Stanley, Frances also manages to keep herself quite busy during the school day. In addition to her duties as news editor of this school newspaper, Frances is also a member of the Honor Society, Color Guard and Bookkeeping club.

Now in her senior year, Frances plans to work after graduation in order to pay her way through Nursing school.

RHYME TIME

(Editor's note: With this issue, we begin a new poetry column. All poems included in this column must be written by students of this school. Any student who is interested in having an original poem published should contact Mr. Fink, school newspaper adviser, any Wednesday immediately after checkout in room 205).

Julie Oklski, 7SP5a, submitted the following poem:

PAPER IS MY FRIEND

I love to write; the paper is my friend,
The pen or pencil with which I write may sometimes give me a little fight,
My pen makes mistakes—I have to erase,
But my good friend paper patiently sits and waits.

Paper is so kind, letting me always change my mind.
I have so many friends—I'm never really lonely.
I'd write things down, I'd tell no other; then rip it up and write another.

I have another group of friends that call themselves—the diary.
I keep "them" in my room next to dictionary.
I tell them all my secrets at night—then close it up tight for the night.
It has a lock made of gold and no one can open it unless they are told.

This is really so much fun!
I've never found a better friend—than my paper and my pen.

Richard Urbaniak, 3E11, wrote the following poem:

TO THE BEAT GENERATION

You beatniks sit in grimy clothes
And rave for endless hours
About the things that you oppose
Like barbers, baths, and showers;
You do your best to ward off jobs;
You fight for each defeat;
You work so hard at being snobs,
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Some Honor Society Names Sound Familiar to Adviser

By Concetta La Fonte

When Mr. Rubenstein, the faculty adviser of the Honor Society, checks the group's attendance at the weekly meetings, he is likely to stop a number of times and say: "That name sounds familiar. It seems to me I've heard it before."

It's quite understandable that a number of the names on the Honor Society's roster have a familiar ring to Mr. Rubenstein. After all, seven members of the group have sisters or brothers who were previously members of Whitney's Honor Society.

For example, Maryann Gurecki, the group's president, is the second member of her family to become a member of Whitney's Honor Society. Her sister Josephine was also a member in very good standing.

Josephine, who was graduated last June, is now attending Brooklyn College. She is majoring in Secretarial Studies. While at Whitney, Josephine distinguished herself by winning a New York State Regents Scholar Incentive award.

Jane Antonik, the secretary of the Honor Society, is the third member of her family to be selected for the Honor Society. Her brother Charles, a 1960 graduate, and her sister Caroline were also Honor Society members.

Caroline, a member of the 1962 graduating class, is attending Brooklyn College as a Secretarial Studies major.

Florence Kowalczyk, Maricella Rodriguez, Camille Maggio, Christine Rosianski, and Margaret Vecchione are other members of the Honor Society who are following the fine example set by another member of their respective families.

Catherine Kowalczyk, Florence's sister, is another member of Whitney's 1962 graduating class. Julio Rodriguez, Maricella's brother, was also graduated last June.

Back in September of 1961 both Catherine and Julio were honored when they were awarded certificates for their participation in the Interfaith Day program.

Julio is now working in a radio and television shop. He plans to start college next month. Catherine is working as a bookkeeper.

Former Editor

The name of Rosanne Maggio, Camille's sister, has previously appeared in this newspaper a number of times. Rosanne is a former editor of Whitney's school newspaper. A member of the 1961 graduating class, Rosanne is now working as a beautician.

Jeane Rosianski, Christine's sister,

also distinguished herself while at this school. Jeane was selected as the valedictorian of the 1961 graduating class. She is now working as a secretary for the Public Health Service.

Alberta Vecchione, Margaret's sister, is a member of the 1960 graduating class. Alberta is also working as a secretary.

In addition to the student's already mentioned, this year's list of Honor Society members includes two sisters as well as a brother and a sister.

Gloria Panico, a senior, and her sister Linda, a junior, are both Honor Society members. Both girls are majoring in Secretarial Practice.

Maria Gonzalez, a sophomore majoring in Secretarial Practice, and her brother Flor, a senior majoring in Machine Shop, are also members of the Honor Society.

One should not conclude after reading this article that membership in the Honor Society is restricted to a limited number of families. Actually, the large majority of this year's Honor Society members are the first members of their families to be so honored.



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Two sisters from one family and a brother and sister from another family are all members of the Honor Society. The students are (l. to r.) Gloria Panico, Linda Panico, Flor Gonzalez, and Maria Gonzalez.

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Cagers To Face Eastern District Next Wednesday

Whitney's basketball team will tangle with the cagers from Eastern District next Wednesday, January 9, at the Whitney gymnasium.

The Eastern District five won the division championship last year with a record of 15-1. Whitney placed second in the nine-team league with a 14-2 mark.

Following the Eastern District contest, Coach Abraham's five will play four more games at home. They will face: Westinghouse, January 11; Grady Vocational, January 28; Alexander Hamilton, February 8; and Bushwick, February 15.

The Whitney five will also play six

Seniors vs. Faculty

A senior-faculty basketball game was played for the first time in the Whitney gymnasium on November 20. As it turned out, the teams proved to be very evenly matched. The game ended in a 30-30 tie.

more games away from home against the following teams: Queens Vocational, Edison Vocational, East New York Vocational, Brooklyn Automotive, Eastern District, and Westinghouse.

The Whitney five won its opening game of the season, defeating Queens Vocational, 62-56, on December 7 at the Whitney gym.

Coach Abraham's cagers had to come from behind to score this exciting victory. Whitney trailed 30-28 at the end of the first half.

Thurmond Outlaw led the Whitney attack with 20 points. Steve Johnson tallied 17 and Victor Cruz scored 14.

Coach Abraham's cagers lost their next two games, bowing to Grady Vocational, 62-43, on December 7, and losing to Edison Vocational, 47-44, on December 11.

Against Grady, Outlaw again topped the Whitney scorers with 19 points. John Hines tallied 10. Outlaw was Whitney's high scorer against Edison too, tallying 18 points. Johnson scored 11.

Around and About

BOROUGH DISCUSSION GROUP: This group is composed of New York City high school students who meet to discuss important current issues. Gloria Panico, Deidra Bizzaro and Carmen Zapata, three seniors, represent Whitney at these conferences. Other students interested in attending these meetings should contact Mr. Schmetterling in room 102 during the homeroom period.

NEWSPAPER CLINIC: Frances Parys, News Editor of the *Green and Gold*, attended a series of journalism meetings at New York University on November 10.

NEWMAN CLUB: This group, composed of Catholic students, meets every other Wednesday after check-out in the library, room 425. Faculty advisers are Mr. Chocianowski, Mr. Dolan, Mrs. Rizzo, and Mr. Viggiano. The officers of the group include Mary Wiczorek, president; Eileen Tomaszewski, vice-president; Barbara Franklin, treasurer; Victoria Czajkowski, corresponding secretary; and Kathleen Vydaszek, recording secretary.

MACBETH: In the near future, seniors in Whitney's regents classes will be invited to a performance of William Shakespeare's classic, "Macbeth." The play will be presented at Aviation high school.

MIXED CHOIR: With sixty members on hand, this year's group is now making preparations for its annual performance at the Junior High School 49 music festival. Anyone who would like to join this group should contact Mrs. Hechtman, the director of the Mixed Choir.

SPELLING BEE: The contest to determine the school's champion speller will be held in the auditorium on February 5 and February 7. Miss Heiger will be the teacher in charge.

CAMPUS CLUB: The officers of this group are: Arleen Austin, president; Robert Roome, vice-president; William

Franklin, secretary, and Milta Perez, treasurer.

VISUAL AIDS SQUAD: There are now 22 girls and 35 boys in the Visual Aids Squad. This group shows films to the different classes. Students interested in joining the Visual Aids squad must have passing grades in each of their courses. Mr. Zabawski is in charge of this group.

Whitney Bowling Team In Tie for First Place

Whitney's bowling team, a fine blend of youth and experience, was tied for first place with Brooklyn Tech at the end of the first half of the season's play in the division competition. A report on how the squad fared during the second half of the season will appear in the next issue.

Coach Gruber's squad lost its opening match, bowing to Thomas Jefferson, 2-1, on November 2. However, the Whitney bowlers bounced right back and captured their next five straight matches.

Whitney defeated Boys high, 3-0, on November 7. Joe Radzicki, last year's top scorer, turned in an excellent 231 in the second game of this match. Vincent Mirable registered a 221 in the third game.

The Whitney bowlers continued their winning ways as they tripped Brooklyn Tech, last year's division champions, 2-1, on November 9. Radzicki and Patrick McCann led the Whitney scoring in the third and deciding game with totals of 192 and 188, respectively. Radzicki also posted a 211 in the first game.

In its next match, Coach Gruber's squad was forced to come from behind to defeat Brooklyn Automotive, 2-1, on November 14. Whitney rallied to win the second and third games as Radzicki again led Whitney with scores of 191 and 201 in these games.

Two days later, Whitney had to come from behind once again, as they beat Bushwick, 2-1. Whitney lost the first game, but managed to come back and win the second by a close 760-750 score. Whitney easily won the third game, 678-612.

Radzicki and Benny Amadeo, a freshman, led the scoring in the vital second game with scores of 208 and 199, respectively.

Whitney then went on to beat East New York Vocational, 3-0, on November 20. Amadeo topped the team in scoring in the first two games with totals of 202 and 188.

McCann registered a 197 in the first game. Radzicki and Gerry Zoldak each tallied 184 in this game as Whitney

Harriers Win Three Medals

By Daniel Kashimer

Whitney's cross-country team had a very successful season this year. Three members of the team, Charles Kurtzke, Eugene Scott and Ralph Matthews won medals.

Kurtzke won his medal in the P.S.A.L. championship meet while Scott and Matthews each won medals in the Brooklyn championship meet.

Coach Makofsky reported that the team is now practicing for the indoor track season. He urged any boy who has ability in sprinting or distance running to see him after checkout. The track team practices every Monday through Thursday.

Fencers Participate In Practice Matches

By Louise Wilcher

The fencing club participated in two practice fencing matches with other high schools in November.

Mr. Horner, the group's adviser, was impressed with the results of the Whitney fencers first match, which was held against Boys high on November 26. Even though Whitney lost the practice contest, 9-3, they did quite well considering the fact that

this was the first time that the Whitney boys were competing against swordsmen from another school.

Hector Camacho, Andrew Soto, and Jose Rodriguez scored Whitney's three points by winning their respective matches. Robert Flynn, a freshman, participated in the first contest, thus becoming the first Whitney boy to represent this school in fencing competition.

Whitney lost its second practice match, bowing to Eastern District, 12-0, on November 28.

The remaining members of the Whitney fencing group are: Frank Cassidy, Robert Baldwin, Antonio Figueroa, Nicholas Kucharow, James Spratley, Aaron Swan, Bart Vitale, Charles Wilson, James Cerbone, Miguel Miranda, and Julio DuBois.

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